OPEN PROGRAM—These officers gathered at the rostrum as a training program opened here yesterday for local officers. From left are Chief of Police Bob Mabery, Lt. Richard Raymond of the Arizona Highway Patrol; William, Toney, assistant chief Yuma Border Patrol; and Sheriff Lee Echols. (Sun Staff Photo)

Training Starts for Local Officers

A training program for local law enforcement personnel began in Yuma yesterday and will continue for the next two weeks.

The program — jointly sponsored by the Sheriff's Office, City Police and Border Patrol — will make use of free instruction by the Arizona Highway Patrol on accident investigation and the FBI on criminal investigation.

A training program has been in effect since 1945 for city policemen, but this year marks the first time the Sheriff's Office has taken an active part. Sheriff Lee E. Echols campaigned on the pledge his men would be trained.

The first phase which began yesterday was on accident investigation. Lt. Richard Raymond of the Highway Patrol is the instructor for the course. It is a three-day lecture series which will be given twice to allow more officers a chance to hear the lectures. About 30 officers will attend each session.

The purpose of a training course in Yuma is to allow more personnel to train. When courses are held in another city only one or two men can attend from each department, but the program here allows them to work regular shifts while attending the classes.

Lt. Raymond, who is instructing the school here, has attended the traffic school at Northwestern University and is considered one of the best instructors in the field.

Sheriff Echols welcomed the officers for the first session. He said, "Experience without training can sometimes be dangerous because an investigator will learn the wrong way and continue doing it that way throughout his life."

Echols said in Bolivia during his two years as chief police advisor he received "amazingly good results" from his well-schooled officers.

Beginning Jan. 30th FBI instructors will take over the program for criminal investigations.

The present training program was the result of efforts by Capt. Harold Breech, City Police; William Toney, assistant chief, Border Patrol; and Sheriff Echols.

Those attending from the Police Department include Travis Yancey, Dale Freeman, Earl Simmers, Harold Avery, Carl Cansler, Harold Regan, R. M. McCann and John Prather.

From the Sheriff's Office are Lowell L. Williams, Floyd Ballette, Richard Ogden, Arthur L. Zietz and Tony Ivey. The P.A.A. security representative is J. A. Ward.

'Best Speaker' Presented to Toastmasters

In memoriam to the late Fred Mueller, Mrs. Lillian Mueller was presented a "best speaker of the evening" cup by members of the Sunshine Toastmasters Club during their meeting Monday evening.

For their regular events, Art Hawk won the best speaker title for his talk on "Chance and the Kang."

Toastmaster for the evening was Bob Harmon, with E. A. Corbin as tabletopics master. The evaluemaster was Meredith Burgess, and the poet, Bob Robles.

Sunshine Toastmasters meet at the Flamingo Hotel each Monday evening.

World's largest open-air fruit and vegetable market is in Benton Harbor, Mich.

Prochnow Favors Using Surplus To Raise Salaries

PHOENIX (UPI) — Any surplus in the state treasury should be used for raising salaries and for construction at all state institutions, Sen. Robert W. Prochnow, D-Cocomino, said Monday.

House Speaker W. L. (Tay) Cook, D-Cochise, foresees a $15 million surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

Prochnow said much of such a windfall should be used to hire additional personnel and to boost wages of elected state and county officials and of their employes.

He emphasized he did not include state senators and representatives in this category.

But he said the governor's pay should be boosted "and everyone else's on down the line."

Other money should be used for construction at the institutions of higher learning, the prison, the state hospital and other state facilities, he added.

"We should have raised employes' salaries last year," Prochnow said. "They are unrealistic and inadequate. But to make them right, we'll have to spend some money. And we should do more hiring, too."

Prochnow, chairman of the senate appropriations and administration committees, said any surplus will result "from spending we should have done last time, and from increased revenues."

He said institutions throughout the state need construction funds. Prochnow said he had not studied the situation thoroughly enough yet to know the best way to distribute such funds. But he added:

"We can't fall behind at our universities and the state college."

NYC Official Gives Up Janitor Job

NEW YORK (UPI) — A vice president of the New York Central Railroad today gave up the mop he had swabbed the long corridors of Grand Central terminal with during the railroad strike.

James Boisi, in charge of Central real estate, dumped the mop in a closet and sighed: "I never realized that corridor was so long."

Actress Gets Divorce, Husband Gets Advice

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A Superior Court judge Monday granted French actress Danielle De Metz, 22, a divorce but gave her husband all community property including a TV set and told the man to consider the marriage "a bad dream."

Judge Burnett Wolfson awarded the property to language expert George De Metz, 34, after the man testified he spent $15,000, his life's savings, to prepare his wife for a film career only to have her leave him when she finally landed a contract. The couple married in 1956 in Paris.

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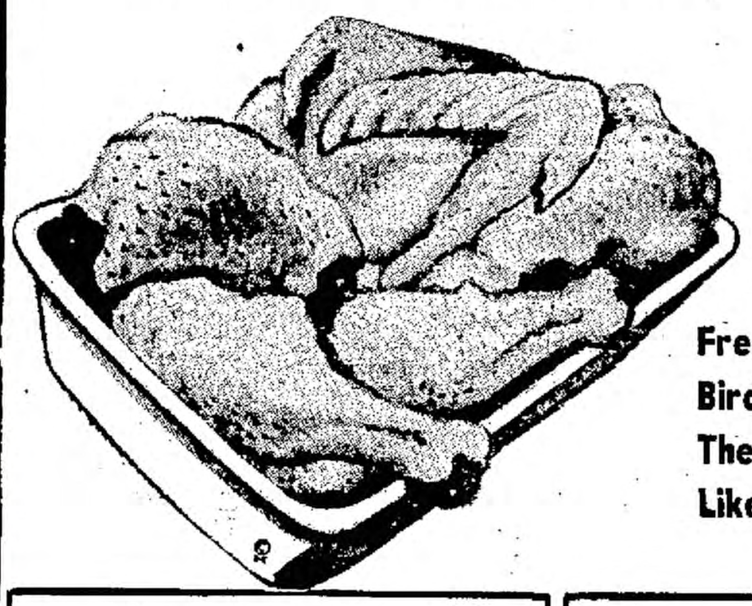

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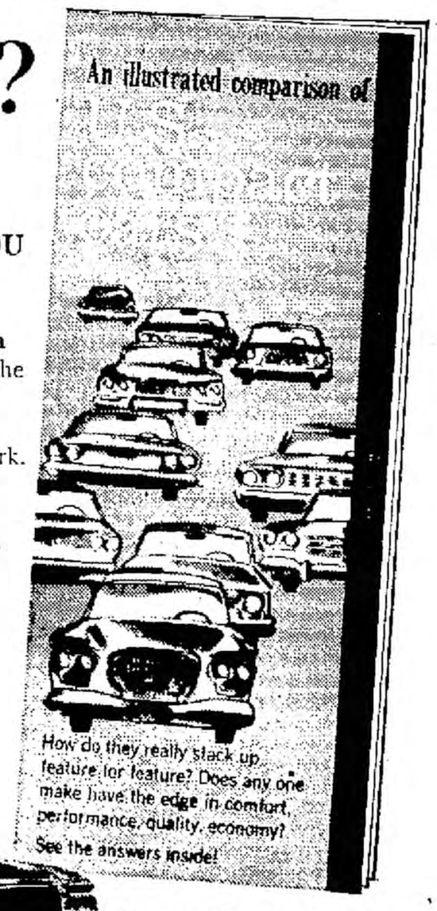

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